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SUBJ: UK-ICELAND FISHERIES DISPUTE

AT OCTOBER 3 NAC ICELANDIC CHARGE (EGILSSON) READ THE FOLLOWING TEXT OF ICELANDIC PRIME MINISTER JOHANNESSEN'S OCTOBER 2 REPLY TO BRITISH PRIME MINISTER HEATH. WHEN MISSION REQUESTED COPY OF THE TEXT FROM WHICH HE SPOKE, EGILSSON ASKED THAT WE HOLD TEXT WITHIN US GOVERNMENT CIRCLES BECAUSE HE DID NOT YET KNOW GOI INTENTIONS REGARDING PUBLICATION.

BEGIN TEXT:

"I WISH TO EXPRESS MY SATISFACTION AT THE DECISION OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO WITHDRAW THE ROYAL NAVY AND THE TUGBOATS FROM THE ZONE OF ICELANDIC FISHERIES JURISDICTION ON OCTOBER 3RD. ACCORDINGLY RUPTURE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WILL NOT TAKE PLACE WHILE THAT SITUATION REMAINS UNALTERED.
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"AS REGARDS MEASURES ON THE PART OF ICELANDIC AUTHORITIES AGAINST BRITISH TRAWLERS FISHING, OR WHICH HAVE FISHED, WITHIN THE ICELANDIC FISHERIES JURISDICTION, I WISH TO REFER TO THE STATEMENT I MADE IN MY REPLY TO SEPTEMBER 28TH

AS FOLLOWS: 'I MUST POINT OUT THAT ENFORCEMENT OF
ICELANDIC LAW WITHIN THE ICELANDIC FISHERIES JURISDICTION
CANNOT BE DISCONTINUED' AND THIS I MUST EMPHASIZE.

"YOUR LETTER STATES: 'AN IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE IN MAKING
THE WITHDRAWAL IS TO ESTABLISH CONDITIONS WHICH WILL ENABLE
YOU TO COME TO LONDON FOR TALKS WITH ME'. IN THIS I CONCUR,
AND IT IS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO ACCEPT YOUR INVITATION TO
DISCUSS WITH YOU THIS WHOLE ISSUE AND WAYS TO RESUME FURTHER
TALKS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS. FOR MY PART, OCTOBER 15
WOULD BE A CONVENIENT DATE, ASSUMING THAT THE CONDITIONS
CREATED BY THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE ROYAL NAVY AND THE TUGBOATS
WILL THEN PREVAIL."

END TEXT. RUMSFELD

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